Rehabilitation policy for displaced workers of NTC

4585. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government for rehabilitation of displaced workers of the closed units of National Textile Corporation (NTC);

(b) whether the offer of voluntary retirement to the employees of closed mills is not in consonance with the benefits given to the employees of other PSUs;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to remove such disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Government have offered a liberal Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS) to the workers affected by the closure of unviable mills of National Textile Corporation (NTC). The scheme provided for increasing ex-gratia payment to the workers by 50% to 100% depending upon date of revision of wages. Besides, Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) has formulated a scheme for counseling, re-training and re-deployment of employees of Public Sector and NTC employees are exposed to such programmes.

(b) to (d) The amount of compensation paid to the employees of NTC mills under MVRS is more attractive than Voluntary Retirement Scheme in general.

Handicraft development schemes in J&K

4586. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the various handloom and handicrafts development schemes under implementation in Jammu and Kashmir State at present; and

(b) the results achieved as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) During the Tenth Plan period,